

2027 Community Health Improvement Grants

Program Overview, Eligibility Criteria, Applying and Key Dates

The Grants Program

Through the Community Health Improvement Grants program, CommonSpirit Health hospitals annually fund programs and services delivered by collaborating 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, to address one or more significant needs in the hospitals' community health needs assessments and implementation strategies. Community Health Improvement Grants help to improve community health and health equity and to enhance local service systems via restricted charitable contributions for defined projects.

Participating Hospitals

Fully-owned hospitals of [CommonSpirit Health](#) participate in this program. Some hospitals located close to one another may collaborate on a single grant process, and thus may not each accept separate proposals. Groups of hospitals granting together are called "granting clusters." A complete list of participating hospitals will be posted on the [grant program website](#) before the application period opens.

Grant Award Ranges

Grant awards have minimum and maximum amounts specific to each hospital or cluster, within the categories of small grants (up to \$19,500) and standard grants (from \$20,000 to as much as \$150,000).

Each hospital's grant funding range will be listed in a document on the grant program website, and on the grant application portal beginning July 20, 2026. Applications for standard grants require collaborating partner organizations and more detailed project information.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- 1) Applicants must be IRS 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, or have a fiscal agent that is a 501(c)3 organization and capable of administering grant project funds. Applicants must provide an IRS Determination Letter documenting 501(c)3 status and be in good standing.
- 2) Applicants and partners must have a philosophy and render services consistent with the [mission and vision of CommonSpirit Health](#).

Proposal Eligibility Criteria

- 1) Proposals are for projects that address one or more significant health needs in the hospital's most recent community health needs assessment (CHNA) or implementation strategy, with sustained project activity over a period of between 9 and 12 months. Prospective applicants

should review the CHNA report for the hospital to which they intend to apply. Links to these reports will be posted on the grant website before the application period opens.

- 2) The project is intended both to support the delivery of services and to strengthen collaborative service systems. Consistent with this aim, proposals for grant projects of \$20,000 or more must include collaborating partner organizations – not including the granting hospital – with distinct, complementary and substantive project roles. Collaborating partner organizations (“partners”) can be non-profit or public organizations.

Grant Type	Proposal Amount	Proposal includes Applicant and...
Small grant	Up to \$19,500	Collaborating partners are encouraged
Standard grant	\$20,000 - \$150,000	Two or more collaborating partner organizations (in addition to applicant organization)

Partners may receive a portion of the grant that is awarded to the applicant for costs of their project activities. Applicants state this in the proposal narrative and budget, and distribution of any awarded funds to partners is the responsibility of the applicant (recipient).

- 3) People and communities to be served are within the hospital’s service area and include identified underserved or vulnerable populations, to help address health inequities.
- 4) People to be served include members of the community at-large. This can include patients of CommonSpirit Health entities, but not exclusively. See #11 below. (If any patient Protected Health Information is to be shared in the course of proposed activities, appropriate patient consent and authorization procedures and/or Business Associate Agreements may be required of grant recipients to ensure compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).)
- 5) Proposals convey how their projects reflect one or more of the following principles: focus on disproportionate unmet health-related needs (advancing health equity); emphasize prevention, including activities that address social determinants of health; contribute to a seamless continuum of care; build community capacity; and demonstrate collaboration.
- 6) Proposals are for one year periods only. Applicants can apply in subsequent years for similar activities and services or to conduct different projects, but substantially similar projects will not be funded for more than four consecutive years.
- 7) Proposal budgets can include equipment purchases of up to \$5,000 plus computer equipment up to \$2,500, with the total not to exceed 50% of funds requested. Vehicles are considered equipment.

- 8) Indirect costs of no greater than 10% of the total request are allowable. Indirect costs include items such as rent, utilities, telecommunications, insurance, clerical and managerial salaries and benefits.
- 9) Ineligible proposals include those for unrestricted general operating support, event sponsorships, and activities less than 9 months in duration.
- 10) The grant program does not fund capital projects (e.g., buildings, renovations), lobbying or political campaigns.
- 11) The grant program does not fund contracts for services. Any proposal for the delivery of services or products to a hospital or patients at a specified budget or price is likely suited for a contract, and will not be considered for grant funding.

Applying

Applicant organizations complete proposals and submit all relevant attachments online, via CommonSpirit Health's grant portal, which will be accessible via the grant program website from July 20 to September 18, 2026. The application portal will contain documents listing all application questions and required documents, so that applicants can prepare in advance.

Key Dates

July 20 – Sept. 18, 2026	Grant application period is open. Applicant organizations can apply online.
(on or about) January 20, 2027	Applicants are notified of funding decisions.
February – March 2027	Grant agreements are signed, followed by grant award payments.
April 1, 2027	Grant period begins.
November 12, 2027	Mid-year project reports due.
March 31, 2028	Grant period ends.
May 12, 2028	Final project reports due.

Questions and Technical Assistance

- Please direct questions about the program to communitygrants@commonspirit.org.